

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: Modoc Ditch Headgate Structure Replacement

Lead Agency: St. Johns Water District

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Project Location: Visalia Tulare  
*City* *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Proposed Project consists of replacing the existing Modoc Ditch Headgate Structure with a new structure. The existing structure is aged and has insufficient diversion capacity from the St. Johns River. The Proposed Project consists of the removal and replacement of the existing concrete inlet structure and gate. The Proposed Project consists of concrete headwalls to support a new water control gate and a new concrete culvert through the South Bank of the St. Johns River. Proposed Project features will be located above-grade and maintain the current channel invert elevation. Construction activities will include demolition and removal of the existing structure, levee excavation to allow for culvert installation, concrete placement, control gate installation and backfill, compaction and surface restoration efforts to complete the new structure.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Project will assist in the District's effort to efficiently deliver agricultural water supply to the District landowners and Modoc Ditch Company shareholders. The Project will result in no adverse long term environmental impacts. Short-term construction related potential impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by use of construction specifications requiring proper and defined mitigation measures.

A biological reconnaissance filed survey was conducted in December, 2023. In general, the biological evaluation determined that Project impacts will be less than significant on biological resources within the Project Area. The Report established mitigation measures associated with Swainson's Hawk and other nesting raptors and migratory birds. Mitigation measures consist of avoidance, if possible, preconstruction surveys, construction buffers, monitoring and reporting and education efforts during construction. Biological oversight during construction is incorporated for the potential occurrence of these species on the Project site and the response to such occupancy.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

State Water Resources Control Board  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Tulare County Resources Management Agency  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
California Department of Water Resources  
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District